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NAIROBI FOR NOZIGLIA

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GDR REFUSAL TO ACCEPT MEMBER OF FRG DELEGATION
TO UNEP SYMPOSIUM IN GDR

REFS: (A) STATE 227385; (B) BONN 15279

BEGIN SUMMARY. THE FRG CONSIDERS IT POSSIBLE, FOLLOWING
A BILATERAL DEMARCHE IN EAST BERLIN, THAT THE GDR MAY
NOW PERMIT THE OFFICIAL OF THE FEDERAL HEALTH
OFFICE TO ATTEND THE SEPTEMBER 20-25 UNEP SYMPOSIUM
IN THE GDR AND CONTENT ITSELF WITH AN ORAL PROTEST
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AT THE SYMPOSIUM. THE FRG REQUESTS THAT ALLIED

DELEGATIONS TO THE MEETING BE PREPARED TO RESPOND ON THE SPOT IF THERE IS ALSO A SOVIET PROTEST. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT THE US DELEGATION BE SO INSTRUCTED. END SUMMARY.

1. FRG REP (HENZE) REPORTED TO ALLIES IN SEPTEMBER 14 BONN GROUP MEETING ON ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING THE GDR REFUSAL TO ALLOW AN OFFICIAL OF THE FEDERAL HEALTH OFFICE (FHO) IN WEST BERLIN TO PARTICIPATE AS MEMBER OF FRG DELEGATION IN UNEP-SPONSORED SYMPOSIUM IN KARL MARX STADT.

2. HENZE SAID THAT THE GDR HAS MADE DEMARCHE ON THE MATTER AT THE UNEP OFFICE IN GENEVA OBJECTING TO PARTICIPATION OF FRG FHO OFFICIAL IN SYMPOSIUM. (FRG REPORT FROM GENEVA DID NOT INDICATE WHETHER GDR HAD GIVEN SPECIFIC REASON FOR OBJECTION.) IN THE MEANTIME, UNEP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TOLBERT HAS SUGGESTED AS POSSIBLE COMPROMISE THAT INSTITUTIONAL AFFILIATIONS OF SYMPOSIUM PARTICIPANTS NOT BE LISTED. THUS, HAESSELBARTH'S ASSOCIATION WITH THE FHO WOULD NOT APPEAR ON THE LIST OF DELEGATES.

3. HENZE ALSO SAID THAT BRAEUTIGAM OF THE FRG PERMANENT REPRESENTATION IN EAST BERLIN DISCUSSED THE PROBLEM WITH GDR MFA OFFICIAL SEIDEL ON SEPTEMBER 14. SEIDEL, WHO HAD BEEN INFORMED IN ADVANCE OF THE TOPIC, SAID THAT THE ATTITUDE OF THE GDR CONCERNING THE FHO WAS "WELL-KNOWN": THE FHO WAS ILLEGALLY LOCATED IN WEST BERLIN. SEIDEL ADDED THAT THE GDR WOULD STRICTLY ADHERE TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE QA.

4. BRAEUTIGAM REPLIED THAT THE FRG COULD NOT ACCEPT THE GDR REJECTION OF PROFESSOR HAESSELBARTH, WHO HAD BEEN SELECTED TO ATTEND THE SYMPOSIUM ON THE BASIS OF HIS PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS. AT THIS POINT, SEIDEL SAID THAT, DESPITE THE BASIC APPROACH OF THE GDR IN THIS REGARD, HE WOULD REPORT THE SITUATION TO HIS AUTHORITIES AND THAT THE GDR WOULD RECONSIDER THE MATTER.

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5. HENZE SAID THAT BRAEUTIGAM HAD ALSO INFORMED SEIDEL THAT:

-- THE FRG WAS READY TO ACCEPT THE OMISSION IN ANY LIST OF DELEGATES OF THE PLACE FROM WHICH DELEGATES CAME AND OF THEIR INSTITUTIONAL AFFILIATIONS; AND

-- THE FRG FELT THAT THE GDR WAS FREE TO MAKE ITS POSITION KNOWN IN THE FORM OF A STATEMENT ON THE MATTER AT THE SYMPOSIUM. IF THAT WERE DONE, THE FRG WOULD REPLY ACCORDINGLY.

6. IN CONCLUSION, HENZE NOTED THAT THERE ARE TWO PROBABLE OUTCOMES. IF THE GDR DOES NOT ALLOW HAESELBARTH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SYMPOSIUM, THERE WILL BE NO FRG DELEGATION AT THE MEETING. IF THE GDR DOES ALLOW HAESELBARTH TO PARTICIPATE, WE SHOULD EXPECT A GDR AND PROBABLY A SOVIET STATEMENT ON THE

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SUBJECT AT THE MEETING. A MEMBER OF THE FRG PERMANENT REPRESENTATION IN EAST BERLIN WILL ACCOMPANY THE FRG DELEGATION AND IN THAT SITUATION WILL MAKE A REPLY ON THE SPOT. THE FRG HOPES THAT ALLIED DELEGATIONS WILL BE PREPARED TO MAKE ON-THE-SPOT REPLY IF THE SOVIETS PROTEST THE PARTICIPATION OF HAESSELBARTH IN THE FRG DELEGATION.

7. WITH REGARD TO THE PROPOSED DEMARCHE IN NAIROBI (REF A), THE FOREIGN OFFICE UNDERSTANDS THAT IT IS THE BRITISH REPRESENTATIVE WHO IS PROPOSING USE OF A NOTE. ALL BONN GROUP REPS AGREE THAT THE APPROACH IN NAIROBI
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SHOULD BE ORAL, AND BOTH THE UK AND FRENCH EMBASSIES INFORM US THAT THEY ARE SENDING TELEGRAMS TO THAT EFFECT TO NAIROBI TODAY.

8. COMMENT: THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT THE DEPARTMENT AGREE TO THE FRG REQUEST AND PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO THE US DELEGATION TO THE SYMPOSIUM FOR MAKING AN ON-THE-SPOT RESPONSE TO A POSSIBLE SOVIET PROTEST. THE PROCEDURE WOULD PRESUMABLY BE SIMILAR TO THAT WORKED OUT FOR HANDLING A RELATED PROTEST AT THE MEETING OF THE UN COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS IN LIMA EARLIER THIS YEAR (BONN 3936 AND STATE 50542). IF THE SOVIETS MAKE AN ORAL PROTEST, ONE OR MORE ALLIED DELEGATES MIGHT RESPOND BY DRAWING FROM THE LANGUAGE OF THE ALLIED NOTE OF JUNE 27, 1975 (UNGA DOCUMENT A/10127), APPROPRIATELY MODIFIED TO REFER TO THE FEDERAL HEALTH OFFICE, WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED IN THE WSB IN 1952. SHOULD THE SOVIETS MAKE A WRITTEN PROTEST, IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE FOR THE BONN GROUP TO COORDINATE A WRITTEN REPLY.

9. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT THE DEPARTMENT AGREE TO THE FRG REQUEST AND INSTRUCT THE US DELEGATION ACCORDINGLY.
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